



Nickerson State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Day use fee applies. Rain or inclement weather may cancel. For more information or to confirm, call (508) 896-3491. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit Mass.gov/COVID.

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27

Talking Trees, 10:00 am—11:30 am, Meet at Little Cliff Pond Fisherman's Landing

The story of the forest is told by its trees. They are living beings that have strange and fascinating ways to communicate and help one another. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen on this 1.5-mile hike. Bring drinking water, insect repellent and wear shoes appropriate for walking uneven trails. Meet at the Little Cliff Pond Fisherman's Landing at the end of Flax Pond Road.

Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 OFF THE BEATEN PATH HIKE, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm, Check Flyers or Nature Center for Weekly Locations
Join us for a fun and informative recreational hike exploring a different part of Nickerson State Park each week. Each hike is from 2 to 4 miles in length depending on the group. Please bring water, insect repellent, and wear shoes appropriate for hiking. For adults and teens.

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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July 1—Terrific Turtles: Join our interpreter on a 1.5-mile hike around Keeler's Pond and learn more about the many turtles that make Nickerson State Park their home. Meet at the Nature Center, take the first right turn after the Contact Station.

July 8—Marching the Moraine: Explore the glacial geology of Nickerson on this 1.3-mile hike around Flax Pond. Learn the basics of the geological creation of Cape Cod and see the signs of this still ongoing process. Meet at the beach area of Flax Pond, just off Flax Pond Road, about 3/4 of a mile into the park.

July 15—Pitch Pine Perfect: Explore the rich forest environment of Nickerson's Atlantic Pine Barrens on this 1.5-mile hike along the Ober Trail. Learn about the process of forest succession the importance of Cape Cod's native Pitch Pines. Meet at the Amphitheater about a 1/2 mile past the Park's entrance off Deer Park Road on the right.

July 22— Tales of the Towhee: Meet some of our most common and colorful birds. Join a 0.75-mile walk to Grassy Nook Pond and learn to identify some our most common feathered friends by sight and sound. Meet at the day use parking area before the turnoff for Areas 6/6EX, a left off of Deer Park Road about 2 1/2 miles from the park entrance.

July 29— How do You Build a State Park?: Join our interpreter as we examine the early history of Nickerson State Park and how it was first developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. This will consist of a 1.3-mile hike around Flax Pond. Meet at the beach area of Flax Pond, just off Flax Pond Road, about 3/4 of a mile into the park.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Nickerson State Park 1361 Main Street (Route 6A), Brewster, MA Tel. (508) 896-3491





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Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CHECK-IN STATION VISITOR ORIENTATION, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, Meet at Entrance Parking Lot near the Contact Station, Ongoing Drop-in

Stop by and chat with our Park Interpreter about the history of Nickerson State Park and all the wildlife that call us home! Includes hands on displays and information about the local area. Stop by anytime.

Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 CREATURE FEATURE, 3:00 pm—5:00 pm, Flax Pond Beach, Ongoing Drop-in

Join the Park Interpreter at Flax Pond Beach and learn about many of the creatures that live throughout the park or on Cape Cod. Then go for a swim or take a walk around the pond. Meet at Flax Pond Beach ¾ mile down Flax Pond Road.

Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 NIGHT HIKE, 8:00 pm—9:00 pm, Meet at Fisherman's Landing along Nook Road

Explore the sights and sounds of night as we discover how nocturnal birds and animals use their senses to thrive in the dark. Please, no flashlights, cell phones or flashing light shoes allowed on this walk as we will rely on our own natural night vision. Bring insect repellent and wear good shoes. Meet at Fisherman's Landing along Nook Road, 2 miles in from the park entrance. For all ages.

Sundays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

CAPE COD RAIL TRAIL VISITOR ORIENTATION STATION, 9:00 am—12:00 pm, Meet at entrance Parking Lot near Rail Trail, Ongoing, Drop-in

Stop by and chat with our Park Interpreter about the history of Nickerson State Park and all the wildlife that call us home! You can also learn about the Cape Cod Branch and the Cape Cod Central Railroad which became unified as Old Colony Railroad and we'll have some hands on displays as well as Park and CCRT trail maps too. Stop by anytime.

Sundays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 THE CULTURAL SIDE OF NICKERSON, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Meet at Cape Rep Theater

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 Visit the grounds of the 1790 Frank Crosby house and cousin Albert Crosby's 1888 mansion around his 1832 childhood home. Learn about the former Camp Monomoy and the Cape Rep Theater today as we make their historical connection to Nickerson State Park. Meet at the small parking area at the entrance to Cape Rep Theater at 3299 Main Street in Brewster—off Route 6A just west of Crosby Lane. For adults.